

REMARKS

Claims 21-25 are currently pending. New claims 26-35 are presented herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 21-35 are pending. Newly presented claims 26-35 do not add new matter.

Claims 26-28 are drawn to cosmetic compositions comprising sharp-edged crystals of magnesium oxide, aluminum oxide, and combinations thereof, wherein the crystals have a particle size from 40 to 2000 microns. Support for this recitation be found throughout the specification, including at paragraph [0012] (“**crystals** of this invention are small and have **sharp edges**... include, but are not limited to **magnesium oxide** crystals, **aluminum oxide** crystals or a **combination thereof**” (emphasis added in bold)) and at paragraph [0013] (“crystals used herein are of a particle size about **40-2000 microns**, preferably about **100-1200 microns**, most preferably about **600-800 microns**” (emphasis added in bold)).

Claims 29-35 are drawn to methods of abrading a skin surface comprising application of cosmetic compositions presented herein. Support for this recitation be found throughout the specification, including at paragraph [0012] (“crystals of this invention are small and have sharp edges so as to be able to **abrade a surface such as skin**” (emphasis added in bold)). Claims 32, drawn to said method wherein the skin surface is face, is supported throughout the specification, including at paragraph [0028] (“a generous amount of the crystalline emulsion should be applied to the skin, for example on the **face** of a user” (emphasis added in bold)). Claim 33, drawn to said method wherein the cosmetic composition is applied to the skin surface in a circular motion, is supported throughout the specification, including at paragraph [0028] (“the user then gently rubs the emulsion... in a **circular motion**...” (emphasis added in bold)). Claims 34 and 35, drawn to said method further comprising rinsing said composition from the skin surface with warm water, and further comprising patting the skin dry, is supported throughout the specification, including at paragraph [0028] (“then the face is **rinsed** thoroughly with **warm water** and **patted dry**” (emphasis added in bold)).

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of this application on the merits. Since the present amendment does not introduce new matter, Applicants respectfully request its entry prior to examination of the present application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 .

Respectfully submitted,

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